

# St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church

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## Parish Staff

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## Liturgy Schedule

SATURDAY: 5:00 PM

First Saturday 6:30 PM

Hispanic Mass

SUNDAY: 9:15 AM

MONDAY: 9:00AM

HOLY DAYS: AS ANNOUNCED

CONFESSIONS: SATURDAY 4 – 4:45 PM

### Parish Office Hours:

Monday: 9:00 to 3:00

CLOSED HOLIDAYS



[www.stjudemifflintown.org](http://www.stjudemifflintown.org)

**Registration** – All parishioners should be properly registered in the parish. Please contact the parish office.

**Sacrament of Marriage** – Contact the parish office as soon as possible, before establishing a date for the wedding. The Diocese requires 12 months advance notice and preparation for Marriage.

**Baptism, Sacrament of the Sick, Shut-ins** – Please contact the parish office to register for Baptism. One sponsor (Godparent) should be a practicing Catholic (if married, married in the church; attending Mass every weekend; moral life; etc.). One sponsor may be a practicing Protestant (called a Christian witness). We strive to visit parishioners homebound and those in the hospital. Please call the parish office if you would like us to visit, or if you are preparing for surgery.

**Mass Cards & Memorial contributions** – Mass cards in memory of the deceased and for special intentions are available after masses at the Religious Articles Corner. To make a memorial contribution, please contact the parish office.

**CCD** – Religious instruction for children meets after the 9:15 Mass until 11:45 from September to May. These classes are necessary before children receive First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Please contact the parish office for more information or registration.

**Parish Pastoral Council** – Meets the 3rd Monday of each month, from September to May. Please call the parish office for information.

**Knight of Columbus** – Meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM in the social hall.

**Women's Guild** – Meets the last Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM in the social hall.

**RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)** – These are classes for those desiring to join the Catholic Church. Please contact the Pastor for more information.

**NFP (Natural Family Planning)** – This is the only Catholic-approved means of regulating birth. Classes are offered frequently and are free to all who want to learn about this spiritual & effective way to plan a family. For information, call Martin & Mary Smith, 717-935-5256.

**Prayer Chain** – Prayers for all who are in need of prayers for whatever reason. Please contact the parish office for more information.

## September 24, 2017

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

STEWARDSHIP IS A WAY OF LIFE

TITHING IS GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

## FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 24, 2017

**“Seek the Lord while He may be found, call Him while He is near. Let the scoundrel forsake his way and the wicked his thoughts, let him turn to the Lord for mercy, to our God who is generous in forgiving. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.”**

The scripture readings at mass these past few weeks have put great emphasis on forgiveness. We are invited to reflect on our ability to forgive others and ourselves. We are reminded to seek forgiveness from God and from others.

Sometimes we tend to pass quickly over one or another of these three. How important that I seek the forgiveness of God. Our act of contrition or acts of penance direct us to God's mercy. Our willingness, not to bear a grudge or get even, but to understand someone else and say 'that's o.k.' is life giving. I admit my own shortcomings and realize that I am not always right and need to say 'I'm sorry'. Finally, I must learn to forgive myself and not dwell on my wrongs, but get up and move on as a forgiven and forgiving person.

Yes, forgiveness is the power I have in my hand and heart.

### First Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9

Isaiah expresses an urgent plea that all should seek the Lord and turn to him for mercy.

### Second Reading: Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a

In a strongly personal message from Paul while in prison, he says that he wishes “to be freed from this life and to be with Christ,” but he realizes that he still has much important work to do.

### Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16a

Jesus tells the parable of the owner of an estate who hires workmen for his vineyard. When, at the end of the day, he pays a full day's wage to those who worked only one hour, those who worked all day complained bitterly. But the owner says, “I am free to do as I please, am I not?” Jesus reminds us through this parable that “the last shall be first and the first shall be last.”



### Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:

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| Income for September 17, 2017 | \$ 2,845.23 |
| Peter's Pence Collection      | \$ 60.00    |
| Hurricane Harvey Relief       | \$ 20.00    |
| Votives                       | \$ 51.00    |
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| Tithe for September 17, 2017  | \$ 285.00   |
| Mifflin-Juniata Energy Bank   |             |

### Hurricane Irma Relief Collection to be Held Prayers & Donations Requested

A special collection will be held in all parishes of the Diocese of Harrisburg on September 23 & 24 for Hurricane Irma relief efforts. This is a part of the U.S. Catholic Bishops emergency collection to assist the millions of persons affected by this devastating weather event through the humanitarian and recovery efforts of Catholic Charities USA and pastoral and rebuilding support to impacted dioceses.

Please pray for the families that have lost loved ones and all who have lost homes and businesses along with their sense of peace and normalcy. Your prayerful and financial support is urgently needed. Please give generously. Donations should be marked for Hurricane Irma Relief.

Parishes will be accepting donations for the next 2 weekends. For those who miss the collection or want to give additional funds contributions can also be made on-line at [www.HbgDiocese.org/donate](http://www.HbgDiocese.org/donate) via the natural Disasters option.

Bishop Ronald W. Gainer of the Diocese of Harrisburg shares Pope Francis's trust that the Catholic faithful here in the United States will respond to the needs presented by these disasters with a 'vast outpouring of solidarity and mutual aid in the best traditions of the nation. The Bishop added, "I encourage the good and faithful people of our diocese to respond generously with prayers and financial support. It is so urgently needed."

## LITURGICAL NOTES:

Mass  for the  
Intentions  Week



### And Weekly Reading

#### Saturday, September 23: St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest (Memorial)

1 Timothy 6:13-16; Psalm 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Luke 8:4-15  
5:00 PM Maggie Sander

#### Sunday, September 24: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 55:6-9; Psalm 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a; Matthew 20:1-16a

9:15 AM Charles and Mary Helen Ames

#### Monday, September 25: Weekday

Ezra 1:1-6; Psalm 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; Luke 8:16-18  
9:00 AM People of the Parish

#### Tuesday, September 26: Weekday

Ezra 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Luke 8:19-21

#### Wednesday, September 27: St. Vincent de Paul, Priest (Memorial)

Ezra 9:5-9; Tobit 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8; Luke 9:1-6

#### Thursday, September 28: Weekday

Haggai 1:1-8; Psalm 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a & 9b; Luke 9:7-9

#### Friday, September 29: Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels (Feast)

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; Psalm 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5; John 1:47-51

#### Saturday, September 30: St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church (Memorial)

Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12ab, 13; Luke 9:43b-45

5:00 PM Maggie Sander

#### Sunday, October 1: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ezekiel 18:25-28; Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Philippians 2:1-11; Matthew 21:28-32

9:15 AM Edward Bolger

## Calendar of Events

### Saturday: 9/23

Gospel Reflections/7:30am/ social hall  
Mass/ 5:00pm/ Church

### Sunday: 9/24

Mass / 9:15am/ Church  
CCD Classes/10:30am after Mass

### Monday: 9/25

Mass/9:00am/ Church

### Tuesday: 9/26

Lady's Night Out/ 6:00pm/ Social Hall

### Wednesday: 9/27

No Event

### Thursday: 9/28

No Event

### Friday: 9/29

No Event

### Saturday: 9/30

Gospel Reflections/ 7:30am/ social hall  
Mass/ 5:00pm/ Church

### Sunday: 10/01

Mass / 9:15 am / Church  
CCD Classes/ 10:30am after Mass

## **Minister Schedule**

### **September 30 & October 1, 2017**

Saturday, September 30, 2017: 5:00pm

EMHC: J. & A. Zarnowski

Lector: C. Fitzgerald

Cantor: M. Kerchusky

Altar Servers: J. & A. Flores

Gifts: People of the Parish

Greeter: G. Curdo

Ushers: T. Kerchusky

Sunday, October 1, 2017: 9:15am

EMHC: T. Ober D. Parson D. Treaster

Lector: Garry W. Price

Cantor: R. Perez

Altar Servers: Mike, Jim, and Daryl

Gifts: People of the Parish

Greeters: Ginger Best and Gale Treaster

Ushers: R. Auken M. Eberts



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National Council of the United States

Seeking Charity and Justice

**If you are in need of some help or know of someone who is in need of assistance. Please contact St. Vincent de Paul at 242-2781. Requests for help are kept confidential**



## **Ladies Night Out**

Just a reminder, Ladies Nite is this Tuesday September 26 at 6:00pm in the Social Hall. Invitations were handed out after Mass, but if you didn't receive one doesn't mean you can't come, only that we didn't see you.

Our guest speaker is Cass Jendzurski, a singer, recording artist, and instrumentalist who will tell us about her music ministry for the dying. Cass holds a Basic Cantor Certification within the Catholic Church. For many years she has been a soloist for wedding and funeral masses. Cass is also a certified therapeutic musician and locally contracted to provide soothing music for hospice and nursing home patients. Cass founded and coordinates 'Songs for the Journey', a volunteer live music ministry for those who are dying. Cass guides the 40 members in this ministry who freely comfort the dying of Lancaster County with their music. She is looking forward to meeting the women of Saint Jude, so we hope you will join us. Please RSVP By Sunday, September 24 to Cathy Fitzgerald, 717-734-2226 or momfitz@hotmail.com.

### **St. Jude Parish Council**

There is currently a need to fill three vacancies on parish council. The council assists our pastor in continually striving to fulfill our mission as a faith community. Please be open to a call to serve in this important parish ministry. If you have questions on serving on the council, please speak with Fr. Weary or Ralph Perez.



### **Mass of Consecration to Our Lady of Fatima**

This Mass will be concelebrated by the Bishops of Pennsylvania on Wed., Sept. 27 at 12 Noon in St. Patrick Cathedral, 212 State St., Harrisburg. On this day, the Bishops of Pennsylvania will gather to celebrate the Holy Eucharist, during which Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, OFM Cap., Metropolitan Archbishop of Philadelphia, will consecrate the province to Our Lady of Fatima in this 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of her apparitions. All are invited to attend this mass, which is an opportunity of grace for the Church in Pennsylvania.

### **Diocesan Women's Conference-Oct. 14, 2017**

Women of the Diocese of Harrisburg, please mark your calendar for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Diocesan Women's Conference, Saturday, October 14, 2017, at Bishop McDevitt High School. Theme: *"Lead all Souls to Heaven": Mary's Message to Us from Fatima.* Keynote Speaker:



Award winning Catholic author and noted speaker, Susan Brinkmann. The Women's Conference includes 36 workshops from a blue-ribbon list of speakers, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with the Rosary and Benediction, opportunity for Confession available, beautiful music, good food, a wide variety of exhibitors, and celebration of Mass by Bishop Ronald W. Gainer. Conference information including Online Registration, is currently available at [www.hbgdiocese.org/women](http://www.hbgdiocese.org/women). Registration brochures for paper registration are also available in the church vestibule and online. Last year we had more than 800 women attend this conference. This year we are hoping for 1,000+ women!

## Marriage Enrichment Programs

Are you a couple with a good marriage but are seeking an even stronger, closer relationship? Have you experienced the loss of a spouse due to death, divorce or separation? The Diocese has



several upcoming programs that may benefit you. **Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WME), Sept. 29-Oct.1, 2017 at the Hampton Inn, Mechanicsburg, PA** is the largest pro-marriage organization in the world. It

offers married couples an opportunity to learn a technique of loving communication that they can use for the rest of their lives and also a chance to look deeply into their relationship with each other and with God. **Beginning Experience, Nov 10-12, 2017 at Camp Hebron, Halifax, PA**, provides a safe place to work through the loss of one's spouse because of death, divorce, or separation. Trained persons facilitate the weekend. For more information on any of the programs please see the Family Life website at [www.hbgdiocese.org](http://www.hbgdiocese.org)

## Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion Scheduled Workshops

The following workshops for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion have been scheduled:

For **NEW** Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

- Tue., Oct 3 – St. Joseph, Danville – 7-9 PM.
- Sat., Nov 18 – Our Lady of the Visitation, Shippensburg 10 AM-12 PM.

## GET CONNECTED

On Saturday, October 7 join with other young adults in their 20s and 30s for a fun gathering hosted by the Diocese of Harrisburg. The evening begins with 5:30pm vigil Mass at St. Patrick Cathedral, 212 State Street, Harrisburg. Included will be heavy hors d'oeuvres, drinks, music, games and prizes. Enjoy a fun, relaxed night connecting with old friends and meeting new ones. Cost: \$10.00 registration in advance and \$15.00 at the door. Register at [www.hbgdiocese.org/getconnected](http://www.hbgdiocese.org/getconnected). Questions-contact 717-657-4804 ext.328 or [oyyam@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:oyyam@hbgdiocese.org)

## Annual Fishers of Men Dinner

On Friday, October 6, 2017, the Annual Fishers of Men Dinner will be held at the Cardinal Keeler Center. . The proceeds of this dinner will benefit the Patrons of our Seminarians that aid the formation of priests. There is more information in the vestibule of the church.

## March for Life 2018 – Youth Rally Tickets

Please sign up now for the March for Life bus and Mass at the **Verizon Center, Washington, D.C., for Monday, January 22, 2018**. To reserve our places at the Verizon Center Mass and Rally we need commitments now! **Please sign up in the social hall on the sign-up sheet.**



## The Board of Directors of the St. Vincent DePaul Society

would like to thank parish members for their support of our charity. We wish you could see the smiles on the faces of children and parents as they get help with food or food cards or gas vouchers. They delight in the fact that their bellies will be full today. This is a sad fact but there are so many who have so little. Your donation allows us to continue our service to our parish members and those in the community. **We share with you the kindness challenge:** a great way to show mercy is to not only pray for loved ones but also for strangers; people standing in line in front of you, people in cars waiting at a red light, someone you see out walking, the people of the recent disasters and the people we serve who are not as fortunate as you are. Pray for all those in need. If you can help meet some of the needs above, please give a monetary donation to St. Vincent DePaul or donate your time to help with our free meals, or donate items such as shampoo, conditioner, bar soap, toilet paper, paper towels, Tylenol, canned goods, etc. Thank you in advance for meeting the kindness challenge. Our email is [stvincentdepaullewistown@gmail.com](mailto:stvincentdepaullewistown@gmail.com).